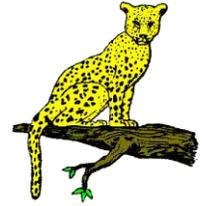


Lincoln Elementary School Newsletter

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Principal's Corner

Dear Parents,

We hope that each Lincoln student and family had a relaxing holiday break! We have exciting events planned for the month of January! On Wednesday, January 23, we will take our school field trip to the Weinberg Theater for the play Freedom Train. On Friday, January 25, we will have our PTO Spaghetti Dinner and Bingo Night event. This is a special Lincoln tradition and we look forward to seeing everyone at this event. If your child is interested in participating in the Talent Show, please return the sign up form to Mrs. Allen by Thursday, January 17. Please also save the date for our annual PTO Auction which will be held on Saturday, April 6 at 6:00 p.m. at the Loudoun Golf Club in Purcellville. Thank you to our PTO for working on this event!

We have sent home information about a new banking partnership with BCT bank in Purcellville. This is an optional program and each month, students will have an opportunity to deposit money into their bank account. The bank also plans to work with students on helping them understand how businesses get loans to start a project. Please call me if you have any questions about this new program and we are looking forward to this opportunity!

Special congratulations to our fifth grade Geography Bee champion, Lily Hewatt! Lily will take a qualifying test in late January to see if she qualifies for the state Geography Bee.

Our next PTO meeting will be held on Monday, January 14 at 8:00 a.m. All parents are invited to attend! Please contact me at (540) 751-2430 if you have any questions. I encourage each family to follow Lincoln on Twitter @Lincoln_ES .

Sincerely,

Dave Michener

Upcoming Events

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| 1/10 | Spirit Night at Domino's |
| 1/11 | Lock Down Drill 10:00 a.m. |
| 1/14 | PTO Meeting 8:00 a.m. |
| 1/17 | Talent Show Form Due to Mrs. Allen |
| 1/17 | Music Try Night at Blue Ridge for Fifth Grade Students 5:00-7:00 p.m. |
| 11/17 | End of Second Marking Period |
| 1/18 | Teacher Work Day No School |
| 1/18 | PTO Spirit Day at Atomic Trampoline |
| 1/21 | Martin Luther King Holiday No School |
| 1/22 | Music Try Night at Blue Ridge for Fifth Grade Students 5:00-7:00 p.m. |
| 1/22-3/1 | PTO Read a Thon |
| 1/23 | Moveable Monday |
| 1/23 | School Field Trip to Weinberg Theater for Grades K-5 <u>Freedom Train</u> Play |
| 1/24 | Music Try Night at Blue Ridge for Fifth Grade Students 5:00-7:00 p.m. |
| 1/25 | Report Cards Posted in Parent View |
| 1/25 | PTO Spaghetti Dinner and Bingo Night 6:00 p.m. |
| 1/28 | Young Rembrandts Art Club 2:45-3:45 |
| 1/30 | Velocity Wings Spirit Night |
| 2/1 | Talent Show Rehearsal 2:40-3:45 p.m. |
| 2/8 | Talent Show Rehearsal 2:40-3:45 p.m. |
| 2/21 | Lincoln Service Dinner at Tree of Life 5:15 p.m. |
| 2/22 | Talent Show 6:30 p.m. |

Note: If, due to a disability, you need assistance to enable you to participate meaningfully in the activities of Lincoln Elementary School, please contact Dave Michener at 540-751-2430 at least **FIVE WORKING DAYS** prior to the activity.

PTO News

Happy New Year! We hope each of you and a safe and happy holiday and everyone is excited to be back at school. The tennis club, robotics, and the ornament class ended right before break. The kids did so well and had a lot of fun.

December was busy! The school board met, and Lincoln has been spared another year. Those kids who had less than 3 unexcused tardies were treated to a skating party at Busch Tabernacle. Becky Shore, the animal ambassador, a sing along, and the LVHS band played to kick off the last day of school before break. Not to mention a spectacular night with Santa! Fun has been had by all and it looked like all the kids had been good. The Lincoln ornaments were a hit and sold out! Thank you to everyone who purchased one or more. Lincoln Elementary also gave back. The Giving Tree helped those adults at the Mac Brownell Adult Center in Purcellville. We hosted a dinner at the Tree of Life and received donations for the Warm Giving in which the collection of children's coats and outerwear benefitted the Tree of Life and were distributed at their annual Christmas for Others outreach event. We also partnered with JK Community Farm and the kids, staff and some volunteers worked to place 1000 pounds of potatoes into smaller bags to benefit Loudoun Hunger Relief. How wonderful to give back to our community!

What is coming up?

- Read-a-thon; January 22nd -March 1st
- Atomic Trampoline: January 18th
- Spaghetti and Bingo night: January 25th
- Velocity: January 30th

Volunteers Needed and Upcoming Events:

Please join us for Spaghetti and Bingo on Friday, January 25th, 2019. More details to come, but please save the date! We are looking for volunteer assistance for different events through the end of the year (assistance is always appreciated and needed). Please let the PTO know if you are interested in helping with any of the upcoming events:

- Spaghetti Dinner: January 25th
- Science Fair: March 21st
- Auction: April 6th
- Earth Day: April 26th

After school programs: The Chess club will be returning this January as will Rembrandts Art class (the flyers for the class went home before break). Spark: "my First Lemonade Stand" will be previewing this Spring, along with Wildlife ambassadors and tennis.

If you have questions or need help signing in to the **Lincoln PTO website** (sponsored by PT board) please feel free to reach out to any member of our PTO, or by sending an email to ptolincolnes@gmail.com Sign up at <https://lincoln.ptboard.com> and when prompted use the School Code: H6FT7C

The next PTO meeting will be on **Monday, January 14th at 8:00 am**. All are welcome and we hope to see you there.

January Birthdays

1	Christopher		22	Mrs. Reed
5	Mrs. Gaither		22	Julia
6	Campbell		23	Will
6	Tripton		25	Peyton
7	Eli		27	Maia
11	Audrey		28	Bradley
16	Cameron		29	Olivia
17	Madden		29	Mr. Thomas

Music

Mr. Duggan

Happy new year from the music room! As we begin the new year, fifth graders will begin the recorder karate process in full swing. While honing their recorder skills, they will also continue to sing a variety of songs and read advanced rhythms. Also, be aware that instrument tryout nights at Blue Ridge are this month and fifth grade students will select their middle school music selection during music class. Please discuss this with your child so you know their interests. Fourth grade will also continue the recorder process including learning their first notes and songs using simplified notation and the student favorite game "We Are Playing in the Forest." Third graders are learning concepts that can be applied to our musical presentation of the book Fortunately. The show will be in February and it is going to be amazing! Second grade will continue singing with our new solfege notes and apply them in classroom music both sung and played on instruments. They will also begin practice a broken bordun (alternating mallets) on barred instruments. First graders will begin exploring the barred instruments using steady beat and high/low. They will also continue a variety of activities to hone their basic music literacy skills.

Special news! We are looking to start an after-school music ensemble with fourth and fifth grade students. This ensemble will give students a chance to play our classroom instruments in a true performance setting as well as sing a variety of choral repertoire. Our goal is to put together a Spring concert that showcases the many skills of these young musicians. For more information, please contact Mr. Duggan via email. Also, we are collecting old unused recorders as a classroom set. If you or any neighbors have a recorder that is in working condition and just gathering dust, please consider donating it to Lincoln.

P.E.

Mrs. Clark

Happy New Year 2019! I hope everyone had a relaxing break filled with time spent with family and friends. It was so wonderful to have a few nice days over the break to do things outdoors as well! Last month we spent time on our bowling skills. The students had such a great time! If you are looking for a family activity I would recommend going to the bowling alley, but be warned, some of our Lincoln students are quite good bowlers! This month, we will be completing our hockey unit, as well as our tumbling unit. Please remember to wear sneakers on PE days instead of boots. Wishing everyone a happy and healthy 2019!

Mrs. Clark

Elementary Physical Education Teacher
Lincoln Elementary School
Emerick Elementary School

Art

Mrs. Bright

Hello from the Lincoln art room! All classes, first thru fourth grades, will be making clay art projects this month. Some lessons will include Hawaiian t-shirts by fourth graders and penguins by first graders. Fifth graders have completed their mug face pencil holders and will glaze them upon returning from the winter break. Kindergarteners will also be glazing their pinch pots that were made and fired during the month of November. Please look forward to seeing these works of art coming to your home soon.

Library

Mrs. Dillon

Happy New Year! Thanks so much to the volunteers that helped with our book fair! Our next book fair will coincide with Read Across America Week in the spring. This month, third and fourth grades will be creating book reviews and recommendations on Biblionasium, which is an online social reading community for kids. Students at Lincoln will be able to interact with students from their grade level at Hillsboro Charter Academy and vice versa (with Mrs. Dillon's supervision). Check it out at Biblionasium.com. We will also be reviewing reference sources and the difference between primary and secondary sources. Fifth graders will be working on character development designing a video game character. When they have a fully developed character complete with sample dialogue (using quotations properly) they will create their design using Tinkercad software and our 3D printer. Younger grades will continue reading the Virginia Readers' Choice nominees.

Guidance

Mrs. Walton

From the Counselor's Corner

Here is what we will be doing during our guidance lessons in January:

Kindergarten – We will be talking about ways to handle big and small problems.

1st Grade – We will be focusing on feelings and expanding our feelings vocabulary.

2nd grade – We will be discussing conflict resolution strategies.

3rd Grade – We will be learning about “I” messages.

4th Grade – We will continue our discussion on bullying behavior situations and how to be an upstander.

5th Grade – We will continue to work on our program that we will be presenting to the Seniors at the Carver Center in February.

Student of the Month

This year our focus is on Responsibility; what it means, what it looks like and how to be responsible. Each month our word of the month will be Responsibility. Thank you to these students who were selected Student of the Month for December for showing responsibility at school!

Kindergarten – Amelia Steppe

1st Grade – Audrey Seeley and Miles Bennett

2nd Grade – Danny O’Leary

3rd Grade – Peyton Burns and Cohen Ballinger

4th Grade – Ashley Galletta and Julia Hoke

5th Grade – Emme Hallett

MAP

This winter, all students in grades 2-5 took the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) Growth test from NWEA. Students take the online MAP Growth assessment in Reading and Math three times each year to determine their instructional readiness and to provide a measure of their academic growth throughout the school year. Schools and teachers use MAP Growth data, aligned to Virginia Standards of Learning, to support differentiated instruction, meet your child’s individual learning needs, and inform course placement decisions along with other related data. Students will take the MAP Growth test again in March 12-25. In ParentVUE, you can now see your child’s national percentile rank. For more information about the MAP Growth test, visit: NWEA.org/Parent-Toolkit or contact your child’s school.

A student's percentile rank is the percentage of students that had a MAP score less than or equal to this student's score according to the most recent NWEA RIT Scale Norms study. It compares a student's score to other students around the country and provides an overview of how a student has performed relative to others in their same grade level. For example, a third grade student with a national percentile rank of 49 has a MAP Growth score that is equal to or higher than 49% of all third graders nationally who took MAP within the same time period.

SEARCH

Mrs. Mayo

The Loudoun County SEARCH program is a component of the county’s gifted program and provides services for students in grades K-4. SEARCH focuses on thinking skills and is designed to nurture an excitement for learning and discovery. SEARCH teachers work within the classroom to stimulate curiosity, practice problem solving strategies, and provide additional opportunities for students to use higher level thinking skills.

SEARCH lessons are organized under the learning keys: Connecting, Reasoning, Creating, Perceiving, and Evaluating. Each grade level learns about each component at increasingly more complex and abstract levels.

This month, students in kindergarten will focus on their Perceiving Thinking Key while they solve some Domino Challenges using double six domino sets. First graders will exercise their Logical Reasoning Skills while playing solving a logical reasoning puzzle using cookie shapes and colors. The key to solving these puzzles will be sorting by two attributes. In second grade, students

will exercise their creative thinking skills with an activity based on the book Press Here by Herve Tullet. Students are encouraged to use the four parts of creativity fluency, flexibility, originality, and elaboration. Students in third and fourth grade will use their Logical Reasoning Key to strategize while playing Mancala.

Heidi Mayo
Gifted Resource Teacher
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Reminders from the School Health Clinic

Ms. Oliver

Welcome 2019 and welcome back to school- I hope *everyone* enjoyed the winter break and time spent with your family and friends.

January brings colder weather and opportunities for fun Winter sports & activities- it's time to plan for time spent inside *and* outside during the school day for Recess and PE class. Dress in layers to stay comfortable whether you're inside or outside. Wear sneakers to safely participate in all activities. Pack warm mittens or gloves and a hat in your backpack for days you might forget them when leaving for school in the morning. And remember to stay hydrated- bring your **water bottle** to school **every day!**

Have a Happy & Healthy January!

The Lincoln Elementary School administration and staff are dedicated to continuous school improvement. A formal school improvement plan is being developed by staff. The plan is reviewed on an ongoing basis. A copy is available in the school office as well as on our school website. You may also call us at 540-751-2430 to have a copy sent home with your child. We welcome your input.

